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MRS. CORA E. BURKE, G. W. C., DELIVERS HER ANNUAL MESSAGE

State of Order Revived--Admonishes All to Attend Strictly To Business.

Nashville, Tenn., July 25, 1917.
To the Officers and Members of the Grand Court of Tennessee, Great Calantheans and Brother Knights:

By a measure of time another cycle has been rounded out. In the course of life another station has been reached. Last year we were looking forward, today we are looking backward.

Today brings us together in the 14th Annual Session of the Grand Court of Tennessee. Fourteen years and what work has been accomplished! What pleasure have we enjoyed! What burdens have we borne! What suffering have we alleviated! What tears have been shed! It has been 14 years of good will and a working together for one common cause. It has been one great pull together for the solidification and general building up of the order.

We are indeed thankful to the Almighty God for allowing us to meet again in this fourteenth annual session. We are thankful for the many blessings He has given us. We are thankful that our lives have been spared and that we are permitted to enjoy life in this beautiful world He has given us for a dwelling place. We are thankful for what measure of success has come to us. We realize the fact that what has been accomplished has been done by the united effort of us all, working together for one common cause.

Today we are united as never before. We stand as one great organization, built by the great men and women who have gone before.

All great achievements of modern times have come through organization and co-operation and this must continue to be true. It is this spirit that has built and adorned great cities and strengthened states and nations. Through and by it all great commercial and industrial enterprises of the modern world have been established and the wealth of the world increased, famine and pestilence banished, the forces of nature conquered and made to serve the want of men, ignorance and superstition displaced by knowledge and true faith and blessings of civilization carried to the ends of the earth. It is this spirit of co-operation which should be dominant in us as a race. We should be as one great body having a common purpose and working for one great aim.

It has been truly said that, "In Union there is strength." "United we stand, divided we fall." These mottoes should be our guiding star leading us on and on.

The world today is indeed passing through perilous times as many agencies are working together for the destruction of the world. Cyclones have devastated large areas of ground, destroying many lives and doing much damage to property. Floods have been many fires have swept across the cities burning homes and business houses. Wars are devastating the earth besides destroying many cities and towns that have taken centuries to build up. Not satisfied with these agencies, people in some cities have killed, mobbed and burned our own people. We fill with a heart full of pity for our people who were victims of the riots in East St. Louis and we shudder at the thought of the poor wretch who was burned at the stake under our own noses.

There is but one remedy and that is Prayer. We must pray and pray hard. It was the prayers of our forefathers and mothers that brought us from slavery. It will take the prayers of us today to righten the wrongs which are being heaped upon us. We must pray and pray as never before for this one great thing to be wiped from the face of civilization that our people may be allowed to go their way in peace, to feel that God has made all men equal.

We do not want our souls circumscribed. We want the world as a playground for our talents and to dream of stars as other races do.

Go forth my friend upon your way, Each obstacle despising, Prove by your efforts every day, To all that we are rising.

In farming, trade and literature, In people enterprising, Our churches, schools and home life pure, Tell to the world we are rising.

STATE OF THE ORDER.
Although the price of food stuff has soared to almost the highest point and coal has brought the biggest prices known, and all necessities of life have gone almost out of reach, we have been able to hold our own. Not in many years has the cost of necessities been as high, to say nothing of the luxuries. Yet we feel that we as a people have been the favored ones in God's hands. We have been able to keep what we had and add some more.

Our order has to some extent felt the exodus of our people to the north. Yet we believe that those who have gone are loyal Calantheans and will hold their membership wherever they be. And we who are left at home must urge upon those who have gone to continue to hold up the banner of Pythian and Calantheism wherever they be.

Last year, the first year of our Petition Day Rally we were able to muster to our forces 1500 new Calantheans and more than 300 new Juveniles. This year we, realizing the perilousness of the times offered three prizes to the Courts that should bring the largest

PATRIOTIC GATHER- ING IN KENTUCKY

Congress Secretary at Paducah--Immense Crowd Hears Him--Excellent Display of Exhibits

Paducah Ky., July 25, 1917. This city entertained Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, Secretary of the Sunday School Congress of Nashville Tennessee last week. His coming was at the instance of the enterprising citizens, headed by a committee consisting of Dr. P. Smith, J. J. Amos. Extensive preparations for the meeting were made, and on last Tuesday night the Washington Street Baptist Church was the scene of an inspiring meeting. The business and professional men of the city, who had been interested in putting their displays on at the church worked all day long Tuesday. The basement of the Sunday School and Church served as the display rooms for the Progressive people of this capital city of West Kentucky. Whether the man was a boot black or a banker, he was allotted space. No such innovation as this has ever been put on by the Paducah folks. The fact that Rev. Mr. Boyd was coming created no little stir. He was met at the station by a committee consisting of Revs. D. A. Smith, J. J. McCutcheon, J. S. Samuels and Mr. Elijah Umble, and was placed into a waiting automobile and carried

ROScoe C. SIM- MONS' ADDRESS

Eloquent, Inspiring and Elevating--House Well Crowded Commends Pythianism.

The central figure of the Pythian Grand Lodge was Roscoe Simmons, orator, publicist, and most useful Negro. He got in town Wednesday night and remained until Thursday night. He said he had no business in the Pythian lodge, and that he represented his own lodge, "a country lodge" in Shelby county. Mr. Simmons was a busy man from the minute he got here. His friends say that he can't stand up at the rate he is going, but thus far he stands up, and he said to a Globe reporter that the only important thing is to stand up as long as you can. As chief aid to Grand Chancellor Crawford, of whom he is ardent supporter, he presided at the "storm" session Wednesday, and with a parliamentary skill rare enough to excite admiration, he brought the Grand Lodge to a close with everybody happy. Once upon a time, Roscoe Simmons was the ablest and most versatile journalist. Now he is known as the "most orator in the country. That goes without any color line getting into

VOLUNTEER CO. NO. FIVE HAS OUTING

Shelbyville Thronged Celebration at Fairground--Uniform Rank Juvenile Band Present.

Eight coaches of friends of Volunteer company No. Five of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias attended the annual outing, given at Shelbyville, Tenn., last Monday. This was acknowledged as one of the largest outings given by the Uniform Rank of Nashville. Practically all of the arrangements were in the hands of Major George Hall, Sir Knight A. D. Morris. The celebration was pulled off at the Fair Grounds in Shelbyville. The train left the Union Station at 10:30, picking up passengers all along the road from Smyrna and Laverne to Wartrace. Perhaps the biggest delegation was from Murfreesboro. While the centre of attraction was the soldier-soldier of the Volunteer Company, the Juvenile Band from Lebanon was of Prof. Davis, was quite a drawing card. A full program had been arranged, and was carried out with clock-like precision. Throughout the day, undaunted by the pouring rain, the people continued to pour into the grounds. Upon arriving at Shelbyville, the train was met by a committee of citizens, made

GRAND CHANCELLOR CRAWFORD'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO PYTHIANS

Offers Plan To Pay For Temple--Compliments Calanthes--Future Very Promising.

Nashville, Tenn., July 24, 1917.
To the Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Representatives, Deputy Grand Chancellors, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, Jurisdiction of Tennessee, Greece, etc.:

Today brings us to the 14th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. We are gathered together for the purpose of reviewing the year's work so as to rejoice over our success and profit by our failures.

We are indeed blessed and favored by Divine Providence in being permitted to live to again assemble and look into each other's faces, and to legislate and transact business for those who have entrusted to our care and deliberation their best interests. Many of those who met with us and lived as we now live one year ago to day are cold and silent in the narrow limits of the grave, and their souls are in the Great Beyond. This should remind us that we, too, are sojourning on our swift march to the grave. Let us then, brothers, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the great service of God and to the service of our fellow-man, so that when our summons comes to go, it may be said of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It was a question with many of us as to whether it was wise and expedient to hold a session of the Grand Lodge this year or not, owing to the general condition of the country financially and economically. Many of those who stand high in the councils of the Order who were suggesting a postponement of the Grand Lodge, called attention to the general conditions and the high cost of living.

Your Grand Chancellor took these suggestions under careful consideration, submitted them to the Supreme Council and upon his advice, it was deemed wise to keep up the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge, even though only a short session was held as this would prevent demoralization of our organization and be in harmony with the Constitution. Besides there are matters of vast importance to be finally acted upon at this session.

To reduce the cost of this session to the minimum and make it a purely business one it was decided to eliminate all outside issues and hold a strictly business session. With this in view the proclamation calls for all officers having reports to make before this body to have them short and to the point.

I want to appeal to all of you who are here representing your lodges to be prompt to business remembering the great sacrifice that your lodges have made to send you here. Let us work together in the spirit of friendship and harmony, deliberating upon all matters pertaining to the future welfare of the Order gravely and carefully, keeping in mind at all times the best interests of those whom we have been sent to represent. If we will do this forgetting self and selfish ends, we can expedite our business and go home having done our constituents and our Order and ourselves great good by coming here.

Obituary.
"Life is a vapor lost in death. An echo between two worlds."

One can have very little sympathy with the poet who uttered these words. Life cannot be lost, because it emanates from God, and therefore cannot be quenched. There is no death for the human soul because it is the very breath of God himself. He cannot in vindication of his own existence permit any part of his life to perish. While we are here on earth is simply a chance of the soul from one plane of existence to another.

A blessing has been pronounced upon those who die in the Lord; and I say to you that those who die true Pythians cannot be far from the kingdom of Heaven, because we are told that the foundation of that kingdom is love.

The spirit of the true Pythian transcends all consideration of earthly benefits and reaches into the very heart of the universe, the unity and harmony of souls. It is this spirit that must in the final consummation of the ages prove the healing of the nation.

These departed knights are our sacred and permanent possessions. Their association with us will forever prove a potent force in shaping the character of our Order as long as it shall last.

Among the many brave knights who departed this life during the year was our beloved and lamented brother, knight, Sir J. P. Friereson, ex-Grand Lecturer, Dr. Friereson was beloved and known of us all. He was one of the founders of the Grand Lodge in Tennessee and was at all times an ardent defender of the truths and principles of Pythian Knighthood. He labored hard for the spread and growth of Pythianism in the state. His grave and austere wisdom will be missed in the councils of the Order. Too great a tribute cannot be paid to the memory of this true apostle of Pythianism. Truly can it be said that in the death of Sir J. P. Friereson, the Order has lost one of its greatest supporters and Pythianism a true and tried worshiper.

May a kind and loving Providence spread the veil of peace and rest over our departed dead, and may they lie in peace until the great resurrection morn.

Condition of the Order.
The general condition of the Order, throughout the state, is remarkably good considering the hard times, war prices and the general unrest among our people. Many of our lodges have been greatly reduced in numbers by the exodus of colored people to the north. But despite



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directly to the home of Rev. Smith. The patriotic meeting proper began at the Washington Street Baptist Church at eight o'clock Tuesday night. A special anthem by the choir was rendered. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Foster, Organ Voluntary by Mrs. C. D. Dawson, a reading, When Malinda Sings, by W. C. Buford, solo by Miss Mercy C. Chavis. Introductory remarks by Mr. J. J. Amos and Rev. V. S. Smith. Address by Rev.

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the future race will suffer. It has been truly said, "train up a child in the way it should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." In the juvenile department the children are taught the principles of Love, Kindness and Obedience. Love to God our Father, Kindness to one another and Obedience to their parents and Superior officers. They are to be many men and womanly women.

If our race ever takes the place which it should occupy in this world we must guard the child. We must throw around them the strong arm of protection. We must teach them to walk in the paths of rectitude. No better place for these teachings than in the Juvenile Courts of Calanthe.

I have urged upon the Courts to organize Juvenile Courts under them. Bring in the children. Train them up and thus do your share of the preservation of the race.

Many Courts have heeded, yet there are still places where there should be Juvenile chambers. I hope that ere another year around should roll there will not be one Court that does not have a Juvenile under its care.

BONDS.
Each year requests have been made that all the officers of the various Courts who handle the money of the Courts should give bonds. This is a law and should be carried out to the letter. It is essential that you should be put on the conservation of the child. Millions of dollars are spent annually on education, health and recreation for the child. All these forces working together must surely wrought great results.

How can the race rise higher if we fail to do our duty by the children? The children of today are the men and the women of tomorrow. Here is a moral obligation resting upon us all, that should not go by unheeded. There is a debt which we all owe to the child. He should be trained and taught the correct principles of right living. If we fail to do our duty as men and women

the equation. If ever a man had a message, Mr. Simmons had it, and ever there was an orator he is the man. Nashville, critical Nashville, that believes nothing and endures little, heard him Wednesday night. And Nashville saw him.

With unstudied eloquence, with words falling from his lips like drops of rain from leaves on trees, with gestures perfect, with fire and calm, he moved an audience that was packed like sardines in a box in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Pure oratory, he made his collar bow only the slightest marks that he was talking on a hot night.

Any man might have felt puffed up over that audience. Bishops, teachers, lawyers, men and women from every walk and station were there. And no one dissented when Doctor Crawford, putting Mr. Napier's motion to thank the "spokesman for a people" said that Mr. Simmons had delivered the finest speech this city ever heard.

A. N. Johnson expressed the thing. "Simmons is entirely himself and entirely new as the national figure," he said.

The Globe doesn't report him, because the Globe can't report him. The daily papers catch phrases now and then from his addresses, but that unless he prepares a manuscript, the reporters, like everybody else, are at his mercy.

Two or three sentences are remembered. "I believe in racial separation in social things myself. When the six o'clock whistle blows, I want to see the black man go his way home, and the white man go his way home. And I want to sing the white man's songs. Both are out of tune."

"Every nation has settled on these shores, and waited on its change. The Negro got here first, but if he waits

Endowment Department.

I am proud to be able to report that the Endowment Department is meeting promptly all just claims upon it, when they come in the proper shape. This is a record which every one of us ought to take a pride in, because we have advanced to the point that we would pay substantially every obligation promptly to the widow and orphan, and not to do so would be a violation of one of the most sacred obligations which we have pledged to perform to our brethren.

To do this, however, every lodge, every member and every lodge officer must strictly see to it that every law and every regulation pertaining to the successful carrying on of this department is honestly lived up to by the members and by the lodges. We cannot afford to be dishonest with this department, for it is the most vital part of our institution. If we do not pay we cannot live as an institution. We have been several instances brought to our notice, where it looks as if some of our lodges and officers have not been as honest in their dealings with the Endowment Department as they ought to have been. We have several lawsuits pending and being lost one, all because of bad business methods on the part of some officer of a subordinate lodge. I here warn you that the Endowment Department is one of the internal branches of the Order, and is yours. You are a part of it and when you fail by neglecting to see that every member comes up to the full requirements of the law governing this department, you not only cripple the Order but you rob yourselves. Do not let those remain in your several lodges who are not paying their Endowment and other lodge dues. They die as do those who are paying, and if they die in the Order and the department has to pay them burial benefits, you are robbing the members who are loyal and who pay, besides doing the Order untold injury.

May I urge upon every one here present to return to his home and help to make strong the Endowment Department by seeing to it that no one remains in the lodge who does not pay all of the obligations upon him as a member in good standing. If you will do this, this department will grow and flourish and ever be the most fascinating branch of the Order.

Court of Calanthe.
I am able to report to you again concerning this department that peace and harmony still prevail among its officers and that it is going forward with rapid strides in its work of Fidelity, Harmony and Love.

Mrs. Cora E. Burke, the efficient Grand Worthy Counselor, is still exhibiting rare ability in administering the affairs of the Court, and with more help and encouragement from the knights will build up an organization among our women that will be of untold good in its work and influence for the general uplift of our women and children.

The day has come when women must be considered and recognized in the avenues of life; let us as a great Order not be behind in according to them their rightful place among us.

Uniform Rank.
This rank is the military department of our Order. It is the department which interests the young men most, and it is going forward with rapid strides in its work of Fidelity, Harmony and Love.

The department under the efficient control of Brigadier General Preston Taylor has taken on new life and is steadily growing into what we would

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